

line 11, after "little" insert --,--;

line 32, delete "in"; and after "section" insert --,--.

Page 15, line 3, after "Additionally" insert --,--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

SC 17 1. (ONCE AMENDED) A light control element extending in a plane and spaced from  
a reflecting sheet, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface and having a light  
emitting side, said prismatic surface having repeated projections with slopes inclined with  
respect to the plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes defining a light  
diffusible surface to generate diffused light passing through the light control element toward  
the light emitting side and to reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.

2. (TWICE AMENDED) A light control element according to claim 1, wherein said  
repeated projections extend in one common direction and are repeatedly arranged in a direction  
perpendicular to said one common direction, each of said repeated projections having a  
substantially triangular cross section.

SC 2 4. (TWICE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:  
a light guide plate having an incidence end surface, an exiting surface and [a  
thickness] an incline surface gradually decreasing away from the incidence end surface;

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a reflecting sheet disposed along the inclined surface of the light guide plate;

a primary light source for supplying illumination light to said light guide plate from said incidence end surface, the supplied light being deflected in the light guide plate and emitted from [an] the exiting surface of the light guide plate; and

a light control element disposed along the exiting surface of said light guide plate, the light control element extending in a plane, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface adjacent to said light guide plate and having a light emitting side, said prismatic surface having repeated projections with slopes inclined with respect to the plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes defining a light diffusible surface to generate diffused light passing through the light control element towards the light emitting side and reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.

Please ADD the following new claim:

7. (NEW) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:

a light guide plate having an inclined side and an exiting surface;

a reflecting sheet disposed along the inclined side of the light guide plate; and

a light control element to control light emitted from the exiting surface of the light guide plate in order to reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.